

SENATOR GEORGE: So he does propose just to cut that back to 50 percent of the money returned to the counties, and then do the other by head count?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well it is always a little difficult to know just exactly what Senator Newell proposes because he has suggested another amendment which may further.... Well... That is your final amendment?

SENATOR GEORGE: I believe I have sort of understood that. I don't think that I can support that amendment to Senator Newell's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I call for the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is shall debate now cease. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you voted? Record. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I know that it is very boring for people, but I hesitate to ask for a Call of the House on this.

PRESIDENT: Since this went in no other lights came on, so I'll call on Senator Newell to close debate anyway. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I rise to talk a moment to provide for some more clarification on the proposed amendment that I just offered. You know I'm also going to talk for just a second about the people who think that these are insincere amendments. I want to assure my good friends, Loran Schmit, John DeCamp, and the rest of this body that these are most sincere amendments. If you put this amendment on the bill I will support the bill. It makes it a little more tolerable, it does not, to use one of the popular colloquialisms, rip off my district near as badly as the original bill did. I think that it is the only kind, about as close to a compromise proposal as we're going to get, which I could support this bill. To answer Senator Schmit's question of whether or not this would be the last amendment I offer, no, I'm going to offer amendments until I get one stuck on that that will make this bill palatable. I think I really badly want to support 518. I realize now that personal property is an unfair tax. It's only unfair, however, because there are a whole lot of votes in this body that says it is unfair. Now the question that we're arguing is the distribution formula. Let me tell you that if you don't think personal property taxes are fair, if you come from an urban area, you'll really dislike this distribution formula. That is why I'm proposing this formula and this proposal. I think it is probably the only fair way to distribute the money. I think Senator Lewis' proposal is more fair to be perfectly frank, but I think this is a decent sort of compromise, it's the sort of thing that this body ought to be looking at very seriously. I would hope that some other people will be involved in this debate. I would hope that Senator Reutzel would see the merit of this kind of proposal. I would hope that people like Cal Carsten, who represents a district that has a substantial number of wage earners, would see the benefit of this kind of proposal. Senator George really ought to see the benefit of this kind of proposal. Where did my good friend, Senator George, go?